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For: **NOVEL GUANIDINYL-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXY-6-PHENYLPHENANTHRIDINES AS EFFECTIVE PHOSPHODIESTERASE (PDE) 4 INHIBITORS**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal letter;
- 2) Response to Restriction / Election Requirement

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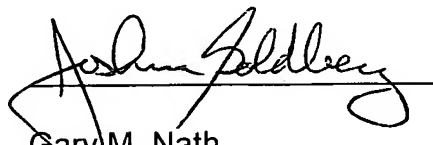
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Official Action dated December 14, 2007. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-14 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims are subject to restriction and/or election for the following reasons, in relevant part:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions reading on claim 1, R7 is (b) or (c) where R11 and R10 or R14 and R15 form azocan-1-yl drawn to azocanes.

Group II: Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds and compositions reading on claim 1, R7 is (b) or (c) where R11 and R10 or R14 and R15 form